

§ 2373. Procurement for experimental purposes

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments may each buy ordnance, signal, chemical activity, transportation, energy, medical, space-flight, telecommunications, and aeronautical supplies, including parts and accessories, and designs thereof, that the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary concerned considers necessary for experimental or test purposes in the development of the best supplies that are needed for the national defense.

(b) **PROCEDURES.**—Purchases under this section may be made inside or outside the United States and by contract or otherwise. Chapter 137 of this title applies only when such purchases are made in quantities greater than necessary for experimentation, technical evaluation, assessment of operational utility, or safety or to provide a residual operational capability.

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 822(c)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1706; amended Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title X, § 1070(g), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2859; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, § 812, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 395; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VIII, § 814, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 893; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 886, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1916.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in sections 4504 and 9504 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, § 822(c)(2).

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-232 inserted “telecommunications,” after “space-flight.”

2015—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-92, § 814(a), inserted “transportation, energy, medical, space-flight,” before “and aeronautical supplies”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-92, § 814(b), substituted “only when such purchases are made in quantities greater than necessary for experimentation, technical evaluation, assessment of operational utility, or safety or to provide a residual operational capability” for “only when such purchases are made in quantity”.

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-106 inserted “only” after “applies” in second sentence.

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “chemical activity, and aeronautical supplies,” for “and chemical activity supplies.”

§ 2374. Merit-based award of grants for research and development

(a) It is the policy of Congress that an agency named in section 2303(a) of this title should not be required by legislation to award a new grant for research, development, test, or evaluation to a non-Federal Government entity. It is further the policy of Congress that any program, project, or technology identified in legislation be awarded through merit-based selection procedures.

(b) A provision of law may not be construed as requiring a new grant to be awarded to a specified non-Federal Government entity unless that provision of law—

- (1) specifically refers to this subsection;
- (2) specifically identifies the particular non-Federal Government entity involved; and
- (3) specifically states that the award to that entity is required by such provision of law in

contravention of the policy set forth in subsection (a).

(c) For purposes of this section, a grant is a new grant unless the work provided for in the grant is a continuation of the work performed by the specified entity under a preceding grant.

(d) This section shall not apply with respect to any grant that calls upon the National Academy of Sciences to investigate, examine, or experiment upon any subject of science or art of significance to an agency named in section 2303(a) of this title and to report on such matters to the Congress or any agency of the Federal Government.

(Added Pub. L. 103-355, title VII, § 7203(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3380.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

For effective date and applicability of section, see section 10001 of Pub. L. 103-355, set out as an Effective Date of 1994 Amendment note under section 2302 of this title.

§ 2374a. Prizes for advanced technology achievements

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering and the service acquisition executive for each military department, may carry out programs to award cash prizes and other types of prizes that the Secretary determines are appropriate to recognize outstanding achievements in basic, advanced, and applied research, technology development, and prototype development that have the potential for application to the performance of the military missions of the Department of Defense.

(b) **COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS.**—Each program under subsection (a) shall use a competitive process for the selection of recipients of cash prizes. The process shall include the widely-advertised solicitation of submissions of research results, technology developments, and prototypes.

(c) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) No prize competition may result in the award of a prize with a fair market value of more than \$10,000,000.

(2) No prize competition may result in the award of more than \$1,000,000 in cash prizes without the approval of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

(3) No prize competition may result in the award of a solely nonmonetary prize with a fair market value of more than \$10,000 without the approval of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

(d) **RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AUTHORITY.**—A program under subsection (a) may be carried out in conjunction with or in addition to the exercise of any other authority of an official referred to in that subsection to acquire, support, or stimulate basic, advanced and applied research, technology development, or prototype projects.

(e) **ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS.**—In addition to such sums as may be appropriated or otherwise made available to the Secretary to award prizes under this section, the Secretary may accept funds or nonmonetary items from other departments and agencies of the Federal Government, from State and local governments, and from the private